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TAGS: CGEN (HENDRIX, JAMES)

SUBJECT: EAGLE VOYAGER CASE

REF: STATE 30132, MOSCOW A-502 OF SEPT 9, 1973

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW EXTENT TO WHICH, IF AT ALL, NAME OF HENDRIX' ODESSA GIRLFRIEND BECAME INVOLVED IN SOVIET INVESTIGATION OF CASE. EMBASSY RELUCTANT TO ASK SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO TRACE HER, AS WE ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT RESULTANT FOCUSING OF AUTHORITIES' ATTENTION ON FACT THAT SHE DATED AMERICAN SEAMAN MIGHT LEAD TO HARASSMENT OF HER AND FAMILY, PARTICULARLY IF -- AS REPORTED BY HENDRIX -- FAMILY IS APPLYING FOR EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL.

2. WHILE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AT BLACK SEA PORTS CERTAINLY ARE AWARE THAT SOME SOVIET GIRLS ASSOCIATE WITH AMERICAN SEAMEN, THEY DO NOT CONDONE SUCH CONTACT OF ORDINARY SOVIETS WITH WESTERN FOREIGNERS AND THEY MIGHT SEIZE UPON THIS CASE AS IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW UNDESIRABILITY OF SOVIET GIRLS CONSORTING WITH AMERICAN SEAMEN.

3. IF DEPARTMENT REALLY FEELS THAT ASKING HER TO ANSWER WRITTEN QUESTIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO CASE, WE SUGGEST HENDRIX BE ASKED TO PROVIDE HER NAME AND ADDRESS SO THAT EMBASSY MAY CONTACT HER DIRECTLY IN UNOBTRUSIVE (BUT, OF COURSE, OVERT) MANNER. IF HENDRIX DECLINES TO PROVIDE ADDRESS, CONSOFF COULD

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WRITE TO HIM AND EXPLAIN PER ABOVE THAT FOR HER SAKE IT WOULD

BE PREFERABLE THAT EMBASSY CONTACT HER DIRECTLY AND NOT TRACE
HER THROUGH SOVIET AUTHORITIES. CONSOFF BELIEVS HENDRIX WOULD
PROBABLY PROVIDE HER NAME AND ADDRESS IF ABOVE WAS EXPLAINED
TO HIM.
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